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DEFENSE!

I PULLED 13 MONTHS OF DUTY IN KOREA WITH THE MARINES, AN' TWO THINGS I SAW PLENTY OF WAS REDS AND HILLS! EVERY HILL WAS IMPORTANT, AN' THEY ALL HAD TO BE TAKEN AND HELD! EVEN SMALL HILLS LIKE THE 150-FOOT HUNK OF HIGH GROUND THAT SQUATTED BETWEEN LITTLE GIBRALTAR AN' T-BONE HILL! WE CALLED IT, **THE HOOK**, 'CAUSE IT WAS SHAPED LIKE THAT AN' THE GOONIES COULD OBSERVE IT BOTH FORE AN' AFT!

THE GOONIES ARE BACK... AN' WE'VE GOT 'EM, GYRENES!

THEY SURE WANT **THE HOOK** REAL BAD!

K-RAK! BRAT-TAT-TAT POW! BLAM! BLAM! POW! BRAM!
KRAK KRAK KRAK

WHAM!

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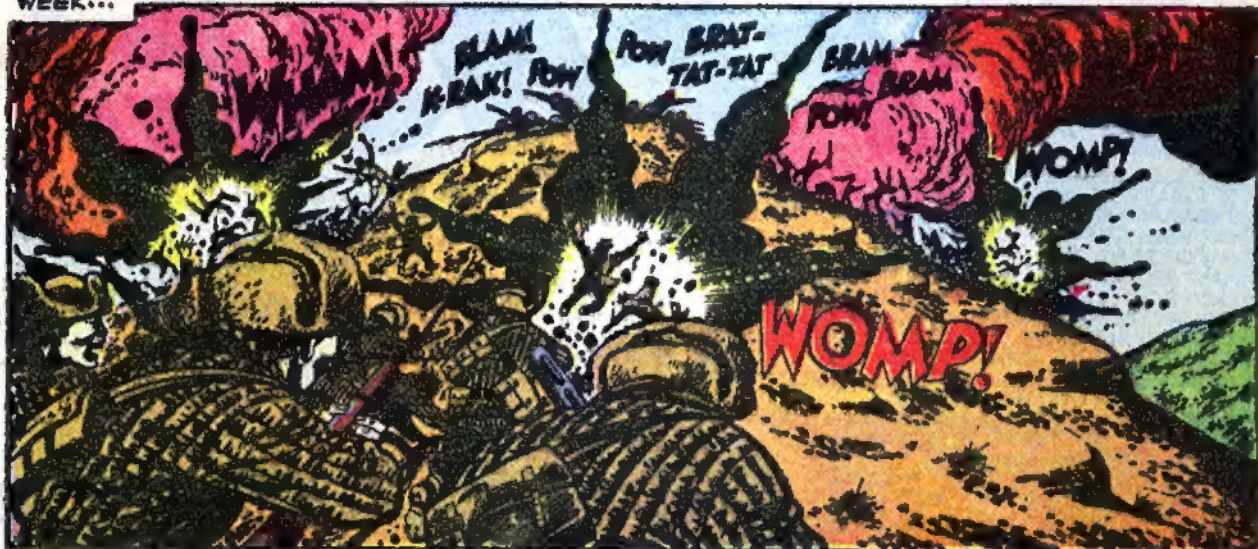
THIS GOONIE IS GETTIN' IT, COMMIE STYLE... A **LEFT HOOK!**

SWING YOUR GARAND PARTNERS, AROUND, GYRENES! THERE'RE GOONIES COMIN' IN THE BACK WAY!

BRAT-TAT-TAT

BLAM!

THE HOOK HAD TWO APPROACHES, AN' THE GOONIES KEPT COMING UP THE SLOPES THRU BOTH OF THOSE PASSAGeways IN SO MANY ASSAULTS, IT SEEMED LIKE ONE LONG ONE THAT LASTED FOR A WEEK...



WE KEPT THE QUILT-COVERED LICE FROM RETAKIN' **THE HOOK** WITH EVERY GIMMICK IN THE GYRENE BOOK, AN' SOME TRICKS THAT WE MADE UP ON OUR OWN... LIKE ROLLIN' GRENADES DOWN AT THEM AS THEY CRAWLED UP...

AN' THOSE THAT GOT PAST THE GALLOPIN' GRENADES WERE SERVED LEAD HIGHBALLS FROM THE B.A.R.s*

AN' WE FED 'EM STEEL PICKLES FOR DESSERT...



WE FINALLY DISCOURAGED THOSE CRAZY, MIXED-UP COMMIES FROM DOIN' THEIR DAILY BANZAIS, BUT THEY CAME BACK AT US WITH THEIR NASTY MORTARS AN' ARTILLERY...

AN' THERE WAS ONLY ONE DEFENSE AGAINST THAT KIND OF GOONIE ATTACK... YE OLDE FOXHOLE...

THEY'LL BE BACK AFTER THIS POUNDIN', CAPIN'! AN' IF THEY KEEP TRYIN' LONG ENOUGH, THEY'RE LIABE TO GET **THE HOOK** BACK... THE SAME WAY WE DID!

NOT IF **WE** DO WHAT THE REDS NEVER HAD THE NERVE OR BRAINS TO DO... **BUILD A DEFENSE!**

YA MEAN SEAL UP **THE HOOK** WITH BARBED WIRE AN' MINES... **UNDER FIRE?**



THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THE CAP'N MEANT!

YOUR TEAM WILL SNAKE DOWN TO THE NORTH APPROACH AN' TRY TO STRING UP AT LEAST A HUNDRED YARDS OF FENCE! HOW MUCH TIME YOU FIGURE YOU NEED?

ABOUT AN HOUR, CAP'N!



YOU'VE GOT A THOUSAND ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY TO SPEND ANY WAY YOU WANT TO, SARGE! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS USE YOUR HANDIE-TALKIE!

I'M GONNA TELL THE ARTY LADS TO START SQUANDERIN' 300 OF THOSE SHELLS ON THE RED MORTAR POSITIONS AN' 200 ON THE RATS IN THE HOLES! THE REST I'LL SAVE FOR A RAINY DAY!



UNDER COVER OF THAT MARINE ARTILLERY, THE CAP'N AN' HIS TEAM CROUCHED TOWARD THE LEFT FLANK AN' STARTED TO YELL AN' BANG C-RATION CANS AN' CARRY ON LIKE THEY WERE BREWIN' UP A GYRENE BANZAI...



AN' WHILE THAT WAS GOIN' ON, THE SARGE AN' HIS TEAM WERE BUSY BUILDIN' A BARBED-WIRE FENCE AN' LAYIN' MINES, 400 YARDS AWAY FROM THE RED POSITIONS...



YOU'LL HAVE TO DO IT IN HALF THAT TIME! MY TEAM WILL BE ON YOUR LEFT FLANK, MAKIN' A RACKET TO DIVERT THE REDS FROM YOUR DETAIL! BUT WE WON'T BE ABLE TO FOOL 'EM FOR MORE THAN A HALF-HOUR!

OKAY, CAP'N! WE'LL DO IT IN HALF AN HOUR!



THE SARGE SAID WHEN, WHERE AND HOW INTO HIS HANDIE-TALKIE AN' GYRENE ARTILLERY GAVE HIM FAST SERVICE!



AN' THAT'S WHAT THE REDSKIS MUST HAVE THOUGHT, TOO, 'CAUSE THEY POINTED ALL THEIR BURPERS TOWARD THE RACKET AN' BLAZED AWAY!



WHILE THE CAP'N AN' HIS GYRENES
WAILED AND HOWLED, THE SARGE'S
TEAM PLANTED ANTI-PERSONNEL
MINES...



WHILE THE REDS RIPPED CRIMSON
HOLES IN THE NIGHT WITH THEIR
GUNFIRE, THE SARGE AND HIS
MEN SCREWED FENCE PICKETS
INTO THE FROZEN GROUND...



WHILE THE MINUTES TICKED AWAY,
THE SARGE AN' HIS LEATHERNECKS
SWEATED TO CLOSE OFF THE
NORTH APPROACH WITH SABRE-
SHARP BARBED WIRE...



FOR A HALF-HOUR, ALL THE REDS GOT FROM
THE CAP'N AN' HIS CREW WAS NOISE! THEN
THEY CAME CRAWLING OUTA THEIR HOLES...



HEY, SARGE! WE'VE
GOT TO VACATE...
AND RIGHT NOW!
THE GOONIES ARE
GIVIN' US A
SURPRISE BANZAI
PARTY!

WE'RE FINISHED HERE,
CAP'N! AN' I STILL GOT
500 SHELLS LEFT IN THE
ARTY BANK! YOU CAN
HAVE IT... TO SURPRISE
THE REDS!



HEEE
CLANG!
BANZAI!
HAI! HAI!

THANKS, SARGE! I'M
GOING TO CALL THE
ARTY CASHIERS AND
MAKE A WITHDRAWAL...
PRONTO!



THE CAP'N MADE THE RIGHT SOUNDS INTO HIS HANDIE-TALKIE, AS HIS
TEAM HEADED BACK TOWARD THE TOP OF THE HOOK... AN' SIXTY
SECONDS LATER, THE GOONIES WERE STILL SCREAMING AN'
HOWLIN'... BUT IT WASN'T BANZAI!



THE GYRENES ON **THE HOOK** HAD HOT JOE* WAITIN' FOR US WHEN WE GOT BACK, BUT IT WASN'T ONLY THE COFFEE THAT MADE US FEEL WARM INSIDE...

YOU AND YOUR TEAM DID A GREAT JOB, SARGE! BUT IT'S ONLY **HALF** DONE! TOMORROW WE'VE GOT TO FENCE OFF THAT **WEST** APPROACH! THEN WE CAN HOLD **THE HOOK** WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT BANZAIS!

YA THINK THE REDS WILL FALL FOR THE SAME NOISE-MAKIN' GAG AGAIN?



*MARINE TALK FOR COFFEE

NO! SO TOMORROW THE TEAM THAT'S GOING TO STRING THE FENCE IS **ALSO** GOING TO MAKE THE NOISE!

AN' THE REDSKIS WILL THINK **THAT'S** THE DIVERSION AN' WON'T BOTHER US, HUH, CAP'N?



ALL OF US FIGURED ON CATCHIN' FORTY WINKS IN OUR FOXHOLES THAT NIGHT, BUT BEFORE WE EVEN GOT STARTED ON THE FIRST WINK, THE COMMIE ARTILLERY STARTED COMPLAININ' ABOUT THE WAY WE OUTFOXED THEM THAT NIGHT...

THEY KEPT THE BOOM STUFF FLYIN' AT US ALL NIGHT! BUT AT DAWN THEY GOT A BIG SURPRISE WHEN THEY TRIED A BANZAI UP THRU THE NORTH APPROACH!



THE MINES WE LAID MADE THEM DANCE ON BALLS OF FIRE...

AN' OUR MACHINE GUNS CHOPPED AN' HUNG THEM ON THE BARBED-WIRE FENCE AS THEY GANGED UP IN FRONT OF IT...

THEY'RE SCRAMMIN', CAP'N!

YEAH! BUT NOW THEY **KNOW** WE'LL TRY TO DO THE SAME ON THE WEST APPROACH... AN' THEY'LL BE WAITIN' FOR I S!



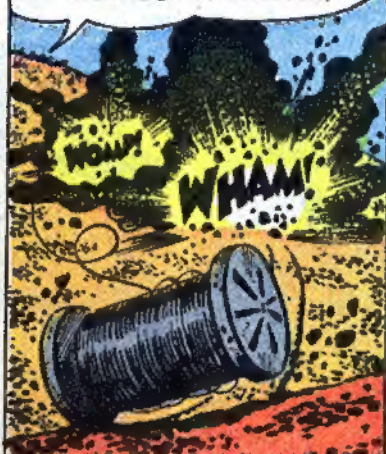
BUT WE HAD TO GO AHEAD WITH OUR PLANS! BLOCKIN' OFF ONLY ONE APPROACH WAS LIKE LOCKIN' THE FRONT DOOR OF A HOUSE AN' LEAVIN' THE BACK DOOR WIDE OPEN...

REMEMBER, SARGE... MAKE A RACKET, AN' HOPE THEY THINK IT'S ONLY A DIVERSION!

OKAY, CAP'N, HEY! LOOK! A SPOOL OF BARBED WIRE IS ROLLIN' DOWN THE HILL WHERE WE WERE GOIN'!



HOLY SMOKES! IT'S SETTING OFF MINES ON THE WAY DOWN... MINES THE REDS PLANTED UNDER OUR NOSES TO STOP US FROM FENCIN' UP THE WEST APPROACH!



WE CAN STILL DO IT, CAP'N... BY WALKIN' IN THE PATH THAT HEAVY SPOOL OF BARBED WIRE MADE ON THE WAY DOWN!

YOU'RE RIGHT, SARGE! BRING THE GEAR! I'LL LEAD THE WAY!



I'LL TELL THE ARTILLERY TO SPREAD SHELLS IN A TWENTY-MINUTE BARRAGE! THAT MEANS WE HAVE TO BUILD A HUNDRED YARDS OF FENCE IN THE RECORD TIME OF TWENTY MINUTES!

WE FILED DOWN THE NARROW PATH MADE BY THE SPOOL WHILE THE ARTY BARRAGE KEPT THE REDS IN THEIR HOLES...



WE PLANTED MINES AND STRUNG UP BARBED WIRE AS FAST AS WE COULD DIG, SCREW IN THE PICKETS AND UNROLL WIRE!

WE'VE GOT SEVEN MORE MINUTES! AFTER THAT, THERE'LL BE NO MORE BARRAGE, AN' PLENTY OF GOONIE GUNFIRE!



WE DIDN'T DO IT IN TWENTY MINUTES... WE DID IT IN EIGHTEEN, AN' IF YOU DON'T THINK STRINGING UP A HUNDRED YARDS OF FENCE AT NIGHT IN THAT TIME ISN'T A RECORD, ASK A DOGGIE OR A GYRENE WHO'S BEEN IN KOREA...

WE MADE IT, AN' WE FELT MIGHTY GOOD! GETTIN' THE DEFENSE OF THE HOOK SET UP WAS RUGGED, BUT NOW WE WERE ALL SET FOR A LONG STAY! THE CAP'N RADIOED THE NEWS TO HQ...

BUT JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME, CAPTAIN... THANKS!



NOW SHOVE OFF, GYRENES! YOU'VE GOT TWO MINUTES TO GET BACK TO THE TOP OF THE HOOK!



THE HOOK IS SECURE, SIR!

OF COURSE IT IS! THAT'S WHY YOU WERE SENT UP THERE! AFTER ALL, THE MARINES ALWAYS GET THE JOB DONE!



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KNOWING NOTHING OF TRUE WARFARE OTHER THAN WHAT THEY'D READ IN THE PAPERS, THEY WERE SHIPPED TO FRANCE, FOR EVERY MAN WAS DESPERATELY NEEDED BY THE ALLIES OVER THERE...

SO THIS IS FRANCE!

WHERE'S THE MADEMOISELLES I'VE SEEN IN THE CINEMA?



THEY WERE IMMEDIATELY SENT TO THE FRONT-LINE TRENCHES...

THIS AIN'T A BIT LIKE THE TRAINING WE GOT! A FELLOW COULD GET HURT OUT HERE!

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN! WONDER WHAT THE BOCHE HAVE IN STORE FOR US?



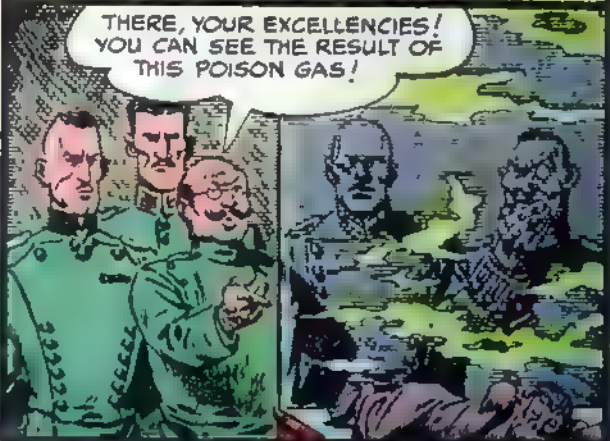
DON'T KNOW! BUT THEY SAY THERE'S NOT MUCH ACTIVITY RIGHT NOW! KIND OF QUIET!

QUIET? IMAGINE WHAT IT'S GOIN' TO BE LIKE WHEN IT GETS **NOISY!**



THEY KIDDED AND MADE POOR JOKES, BECAUSE THEY WERE NEW AND UNCERTAIN OF WHAT THEY'D DO UNDER BATTLE CONDITIONS! THEY HAD NO IDEA THEY WOULD HAVE TO FACE A NEW DEVICE OF GERMAN WAR-MAKING THEN IN PREPARATION...

THERE, YOUR EXCELLENCIES! YOU CAN SEE THE RESULT OF THIS POISON GAS!

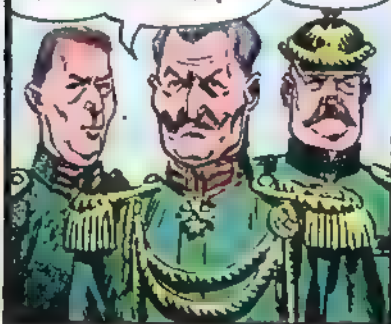


VERY GOOD, MEIN HERR! IT COMES AT A VERY OPPORTUNE TIME, EH, GENTLEMEN? WE MUST ARRANGE TO HAVE IT SHIPPED IMMEDIATELY TO THE FRONT!



AT THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND IN BERLIN, THE KAISER AND HIS STAFF WERE LAVISH IN PRAISE OF THIS NEW AND FRIGHTENING WEAPON...

THIS IS THE WEAPON WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR! I PREDICT THAT WITHIN WEEKS, THE STUBBORN ENEMY WILL SUE FOR PEACE! **NOTHING** CAN STAND BEFORE THE ONSLAUGHT OF POISON GAS!



WE WILL LAUNCH OUR GREAT OFFENSIVE IN THE WEST AS PLANNED! BUT WE SHALL USE THE GAS FIRST AND OUR ARMED FORCES SHALL FOLLOW IN ITS WAKE! GENTLEMEN, IT WILL END IN TOTAL VICTORY, AND GERMANY WILL RULE THE WORLD!



DID NOT THE CHINESE FIRST USE SUCH A WEAPON, EXCELLENCY?

NONSENSE! THIS IS A PRODUCT OF GERMAN INVENTION! A PRODUCT WITH WHICH WE SHALL WIN THE WAR!

MANUFACTURE OF THE GAS WAS IMMEDIATELY PUT INTO EFFECT...

THESE CONTAINERS WILL BE SHIPPED TO THE FRONT LINES IMMEDIATELY! HOW DOES IT WORK IN THE FIELD, MEIN HERR?

IT IS A PRODUCT OF CHLORINE AND OF A HEAVY SPECIFIC GRAVITY, CAPTAIN! WHEN LIBERATED FROM THE CONTAINERS, IT FORMS A DEADLY, GREENISH-YELLOW VAPOR WHICH LIES CLOSE TO THE GROUND!

THE CONTAINERS WERE SHIPPED IN LARGE AMOUNTS TO THE FRONT...

HANDLE WITH CARE! THIS IS THE NEW POISON GAS!

AH, A NICE SURPRISE FOR THE ENEMY!

THE COMMANDS WERE GIVEN, THE VAST GERMAN ARMIES MOVED FORWARD AND THE DEADLY GAS WAS FOR THE FIRST TIME USED IN WARFARE... AND AGAINST GREEN TROOPS WHO HAD NEVER EVEN DREAMED OF SUCH A POSSIBILITY AS POISON GAS!

A STRONG NORTHEAST WIND, BLOWING FROM US TO THEM... PERFECT FOR THE GAS!

A SHROUD OF SMOKINESS SPREAD OVER THE ALLIED TRENCHES! A SUFFOCATING, SICKENING ODOR FILLED THE AIR...

WHAT THE DEVIL...! HEY, DO YOU GET THAT SMELL?

SMELLS LIKE SOME FORM OF... OF POISON GAS!

LOOK! A WALL OF SMOKE... GREEN, ABOUT FOUR FEET HIGH AND GETTING HIGHER... AND DRIFTING RIGHT TOWARD US!

IT... IT'S GAS... POISON...

LOOK! THE FRENCH... IT HIT THEM TOO! (COUGH! COUGH!)

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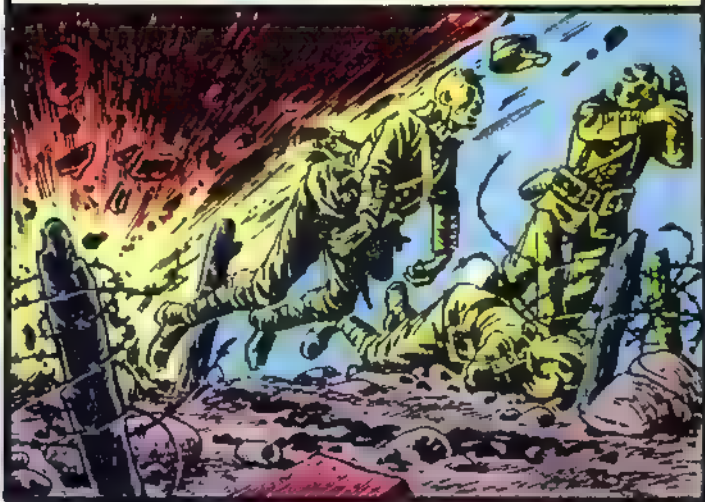
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STAGGERING, STRANGLING, THEY LURCHED AWAY FROM THE AWFUL FOG INTO THE OPEN WHERE SHRAPNEL AND RIFLE FIRE CUT THEM DOWN...



THE GAS HAD DONE ITS WORK WELL! ON THE BRITISH LEFT, THE FLANK WAS RETREATING! THE ALLIED SALIENT AROUND YPRES HAD BEEN BROKEN BY THIS INHUMAN, DEADLY, NEW WEAPON OF WAR!

THERE IS NOTHING TO DO... NO FIGHTING LEFT! WE WILL SIMPLY MARCH ACROSS THE WORLD BEHIND A CLOUD OF POISON GAS!



LOOK! THE GAS SEEMS TO BE COMING BACK TO US!

RETREAT! THE WIND HAS CHANGED! THE GAS IS BLOWING BACK AT OUR OWN TROOPS!



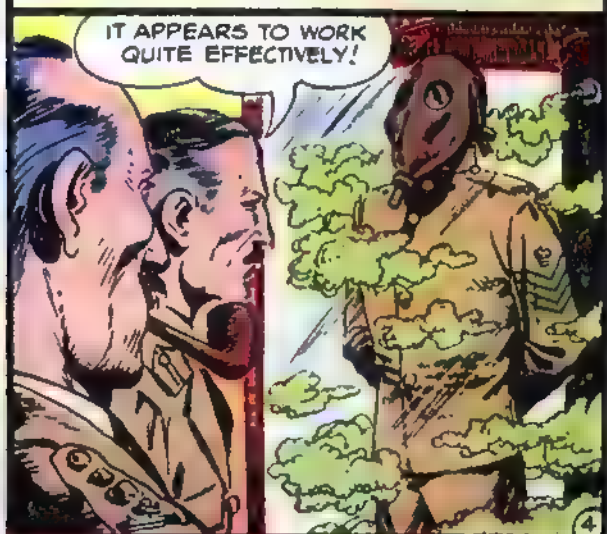
NO, IT WASN'T GOING TO BE AS SIMPLE AS IT SEEMED! TIME AND TIME AGAIN, THE CHANGE OF WIND WOULD BLOW THE POISONOUS VAPORS BACK AT THE BOCHE!



AND THE CANADIANS HELD THEIR BREATH AND CHARGED THROUGH THE DEADLY FUMES DIRECTLY AT THE FOE, TAKING THEM BY SURPRISE!



WITHIN HOURS AFTER THE FIRST GAS ATTACK, BRITISH INGENUITY HAD INVENTED A MASK TO COUNTERACT THE EFFECTS OF THE GAS!



FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS, CHEMISTS IN ALLIED COUNTRIES WERE OF MORE IMPORTANCE THAN THE MEN IN THE FIELD...

CHEMICALLY PREPARED FABRICS IN THE MOUTHPIECE TAKE FROM THE GAS ALL ITS DEADLY QUALITIES, AS THE WEARER BREATHES!

NOW WE MUST HAVE THEM MANUFACTURED IN QUANTITY, AND QUICKLY!



ALL OVER ENGLAND AND FRANCE, WOMEN SEWED AND STITCHED AND CUT AND FITTED, FASHIONING THE GAS MASKS...

MY BOY IS OUT THERE! I ONLY HOPE HE GETS ONE OF THESE MASKS BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!



YES, THE GAS WAS DEADLY, FRIGHTENING! BUT ITS EFFECT FELL FAR SHORT OF GERMAN EXPECTANCY! AFTER THE FIRST TERRIBLE SURPRISE, MIRACULOUSLY THE ALLIED LINES HELD...

HERE IT COMES! HOLD YOUR BREATH AND WE'LL GO THROUGH IT TO THE TRENCH IN FRONT BEFORE THE BOCHÉ GET THERE!



TO THE GERMANS IT PROVED A HAZARDOUS WEAPON, AT THE WHIMS OF NATURE! MANY TIMES THE WIND CHANGED AND THEY FELL, COUGHING UP THEIR LUNGS FROM THEIR OWN DIABOLICAL WEAPON!



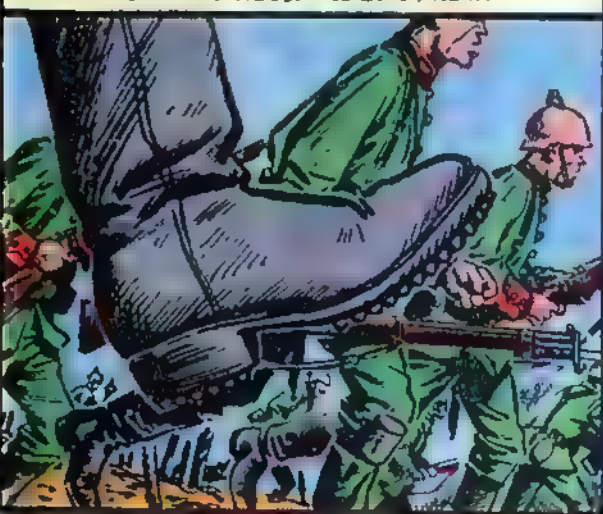
STILL THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND HAD FAITH IN ITS NEW WEAPON...

IT HAS NOT BEEN PROPERLY EMPLOYED! WE WILL BOTTLE IT IN SHELLS THAT CAN BE DROPPED INTO TRENCHES AND WIPE OUT THE DEFENDERS IN AN INSTANT!

OUR TROOPS WILL FOLLOW UP AND SWEEP THE FIELD IN MINUTES!



THEN GAS WAS PUT INTO BOMBS AND GREAT CLOUDS OF IT COVERED THE ALLIED TRENCHES! THE GERMANS FOLLOWED BEHIND, CONFIDENT THAT THE CANADIANS IN FRONT OF THEM WOULD ALL BE DYING...



THEN OUT OF THE POISON MIST, CHARGING RECKLESSLY, GRIMLY, AT THE AMAZED BOCHÉ, CAME APPARITIONS OF CANADIAN FIGHTING MEN, WEIRD, GHASTLY CREATURES OF UNHUMAN COUNTENANCE!

GOTT IM HIMMEL, WHAT IS THIS?



WITHIN SIX WEEKS AFTER THE FIRST GAS ATTACK, THE ALLIES WERE SUPPLIED WITH GAS MASKS! WEARING THEM, THE GALLANT CANADIANS SMASHED THE GERMAN ADVANCE BEFORE THEM!

ARMED WITH GAS MASKS, THE ALLIED LINES STEADILY HELD AGAINST THE GERMAN TROOPS, PUSHING THEM BACK ALL ALONG THE LINE...

SO THE ADVANTAGE THE GERMANS THOUGHT TO GRASP BY THE USE OF POISON GAS WAS QUICKLY OVERCOME, AND SOON THE ALLIES TOO EMPLOYED IT IN DEFENSE...



THE GREAT BOCHE OFFENSIVE BROKE AND CAME TO NOTHING IN THE FACE OF ALLIED COUNTER-ATTACKS! MEANWHILE THE USES AND VARIETIES OF GAS EMPLOYED BY BOTH SIDES MULTIPLIED! SHELLS LOADED WITH THE STUFF EXPLODED IN THE TRENCHES...

GAS SHELL! BREAK OUT THOSE MASKS ON THE DOUBLE!



BUT THE MEN WERE TRAINED TO BE ABLE TO DON A GAS MASK WITHIN SIX SECONDS! THERE WERE OTHER TYPES... LACHRYMATORY GAS, A TYPE OF TEAR GAS, AND MUSTARD GAS... GAS THAT COULDN'T BE SMELLED... GAS THROWN BY HAND, DROPPED BY PLANE, THROWN BY MORTARS...



BUT IN THE END RESULT, IT HAD NO GREAT EFFECT UPON THE OUTCOME OF THE WAR. EXCEPT THAT ITS NEGATIVE RESULTS AMAZED AND SHOOK THE GERMAN MILITARY MACHINE, FROM THE HIGH COMMAND TO THE COMMON SOLDIER...

AND FOR THAT, WE CAN THANK THOSE GALLANT CANADIANS! FOR IT FAILED TO MAKE THEM BREAK!



POISON GAS IS TOO INHUMAN A WEAPON TO BE USED EVEN IN WAR! ITS USAGE WAS OUTLAWED, EVEN THOUGH DEVICES OF PROTECTION AGAINST IT HAD NULLIFIED ITS EFFECTIVENESS!

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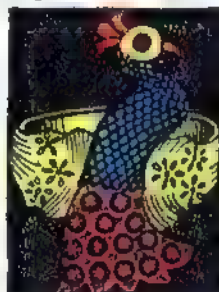
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THE HOT SPOT!

MARINE Sergeant Lester Houha was griping on one of his favorite topics again. "Yessir," he stated to anyone who would listen, "if there's one thing the Marines are famous for and always will be, it's their policy of doing everything the hard way! Even if it makes better sense to do it some other way; even if there is a method that would save time and work and trouble—the Marine way is the tough one! There's never any doubt about it. The Marines' official slogan should be, 'Do it the hard way!' And the hardest jobs of all, they hand to me! Yessir!"

A few groans and mutters signified that the men around him had at least heard what he was saying, even if they didn't consider it worth arguing about. They were dug in on the edge of a forest where it adjoined a long sloping beach—a beach they had just taken in an amphibious landing that had truthfully been arduous and painful.

"Take this operation we just finished," Houha went on. "If the brass planned ahead and weren't afraid of modern ideas, it would have been entirely different, and a heck of a lot easier. What we needed on this job were some submersible tanks!"

Somebody snorted loudly, while somebody else whistled softly to the tune of "Just a

Dreamer." Most of the men, reclining as comfortably as they could in the damp darkness, made no sound at all. They were all used to the Sergeant's griping and wild ideas.

"All right, sneer!" Houha went on bitterly. "But if you'd studied your military history like I have, you'd think it was pretty serious—not funny! Tanks that would run under water as well as on dry land are perfectly possible, and they've become almost absolutely necessary. Any one of our beach-head landings would be easier if we had some equipment like that. But will they give it to us! No!"

Nobody answered, so Houha continued. "You know all about the obstacles we run into on these deals," he said. "Mines, wire entanglements, and all that the enemy can put on shore in the way of artillery, and mortars to throw at us. If that isn't doing things the hard way, what is?"

"You know that lots of attempts have been made to figure out better solutions, don't you? One was the Alligator. That was an amphibious tractor that worked all right. It was developed for rescue work in Florida hurricanes! Then when they needed something like that in a hurry in World War II, they redesigned the blamed thing, plastered on some light armor plate, threw in some machine

guns, and called it an LVT—Landing Vehicle Tracked. It held 40 of us at a time; we called it an Invasion taxi.

"My point is, though, it wasn't good enough. It wasn't really designed for the purpose it had to serve. Its water speed was low, its armor was light, and its crowded cockpit made it a perfect target a lot of the time. It was just another way of doing it the hard way."

There was no answer for several seconds, although Houha was obviously waiting for somebody to say something. Then, out of the night, came the sound of gunfire. It was followed by running feet and shouting voices. Anderton, one of the men who had been out on patrol duty, came dashing in.

"Sarge!" he yelled. "I found a nest of Reds! They wounded my buddy Bill—I had to leave him behind out there! I need help—I've got to bring him in—we've got to get those Commies!"

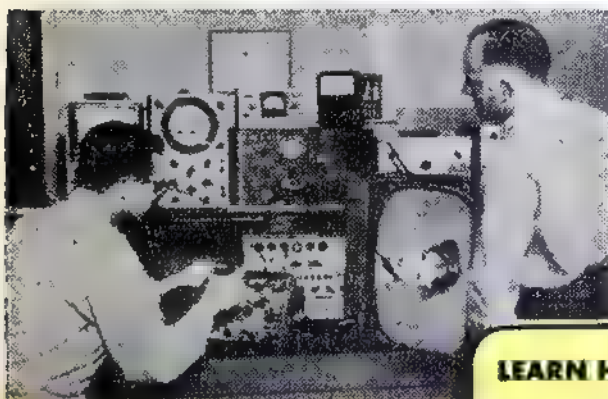
"Calm down, son," Houha told him almost lazily. "Take it easy. You'll live longer. We'll go out with you and clean up that little hot spot. Wish it hadn't popped up just now, though—I was giving these fellows an educational lecture and besides, I thought I was through working for today..."

Grumbling mildly, he as-

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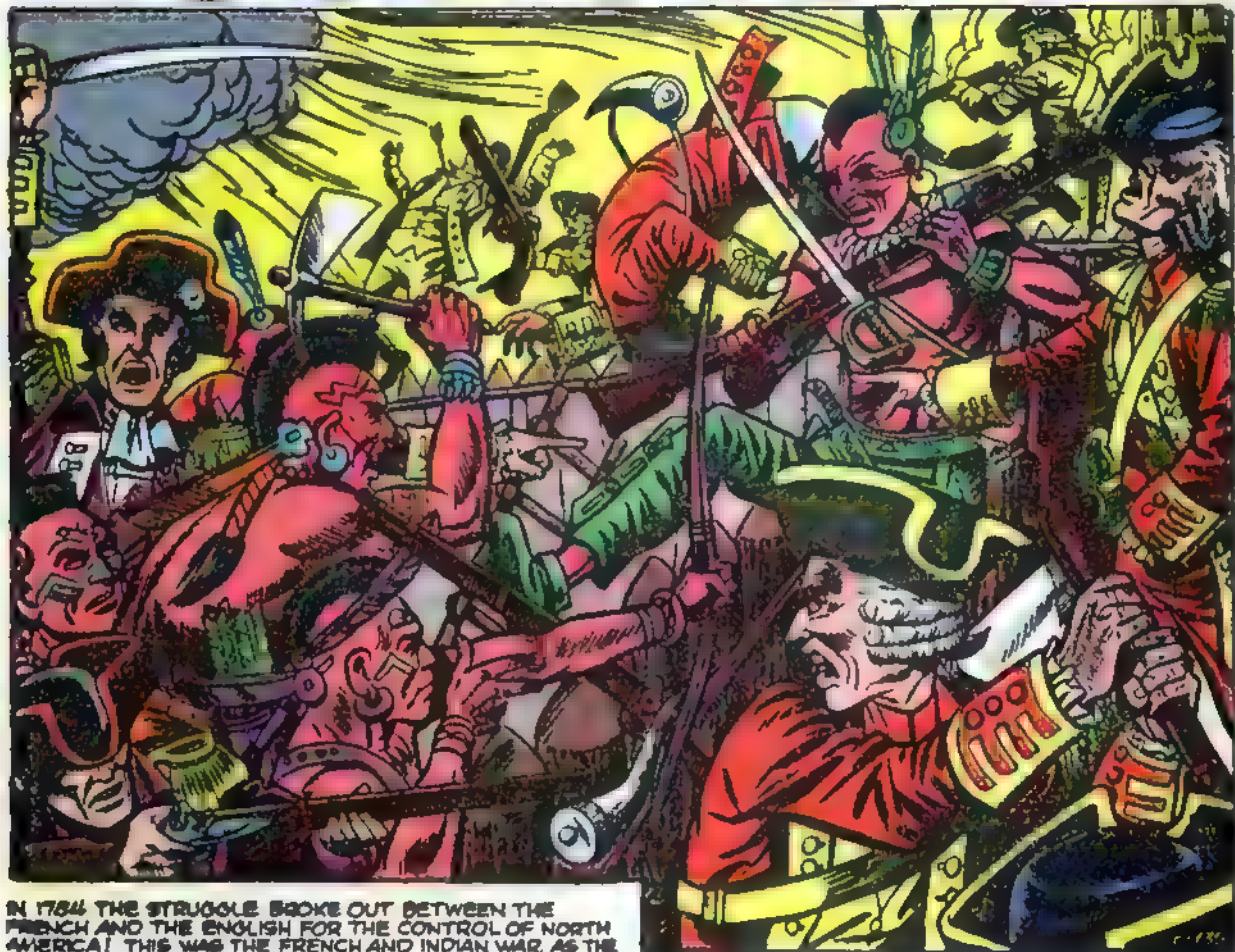
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THE NEW WORLD WAS LOCKED IN THE GRIP OF WAR! ONCE AGAIN THE LAND THAT HAD BEEN OPENED TO THE PEOPLES OF EUROPE WAS CHURNING WITH BATTLES, AS THE SOLDIERS OF OVERSEAS NATIONS FOUGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO POWER! THE PRIZE WAS GREAT... A LAND CALLED AMERICA! HERE IS THE LITTLE KNOWN BUT VASTLY IMPORTANT SAGA OF A SON OF AMERICA WHO WAS WILLING TO FIGHT AND DIE FOR HER! HE WAS...

THE COLONEL!



IN 1754 THE STRUGGLE BROKE OUT BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND THE ENGLISH FOR THE CONTROL OF NORTH AMERICA! THIS WAS THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR, AS THE FRENCH HAD NATIVE ALLIES FIGHTING ON THEIR SIDE...



SILENCE... QUIET, MES AMIS!
WHEN WE STRIKE, IT WILL BE
WITH SURENESS!

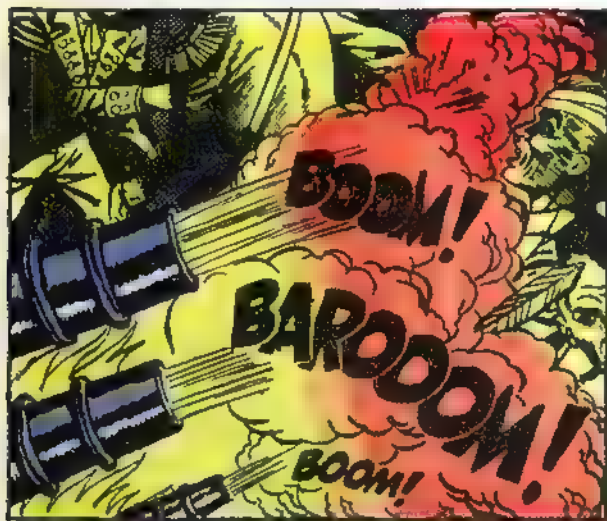


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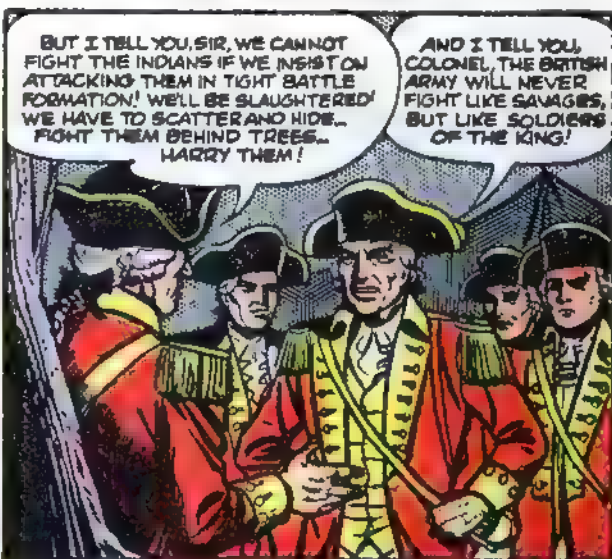
AAAAEE!
AAAAEE!

KAPOW!
BANG!

SO IT BEGAN! THE BATTLES FLARED UP ALL OVER THE CONTINENT LIKE WILDFIRE! MUSKETS BARKED, CANNONS ROARED, ARROWS FLASHED AND SWORDS WAVED ON HIGH AS THE BATTLE FOR POWER RAGED...



AT A MEETING OF THE STAFF OF GENERAL BRADDOCK, TEMPERS WERE TENSE...



BUT I TELL YOU, SIR, WE CANNOT FIGHT THE INDIANS IF WE INSIST ON ATTACKING THEM IN TIGHT BATTLE FORMATION! WE'LL BE SLAUGHTERED! WE HAVE TO SCATTER AND HIDE... FIGHT THEM BEHIND TREES... HARRY THEM!

AND I TELL YOU, COLONEL, THE BRITISH ARMY WILL NEVER FIGHT LIKE SAVAGES, BUT LIKE SOLDIERS OF THE KING!



MY MIND'S MADE UP! WE MARCH AGAINST FORT DUQUEGNE IN THE USUAL WAY... IN THE TRADITION OF HIS MAJESTY'S SOLDIERS! THAT'S AN ORDER!

YES, SIR!

IN FULL REGALIA... IN A SQUAD FORMATION... WITH FIFE AND DRUM AND FLYING BANNERS, GENERAL BRADDOCK'S TROOPS MARCHED AGAINST THE FRENCH-HELD FORT.



WHEN WILL THEY LEARN THAT THESE ARE NOT THE PLAINS OF EUROPE! THESE ARE FORESTS... AND THERE COULD BE INDIANS BEHIND EVERY TREE!

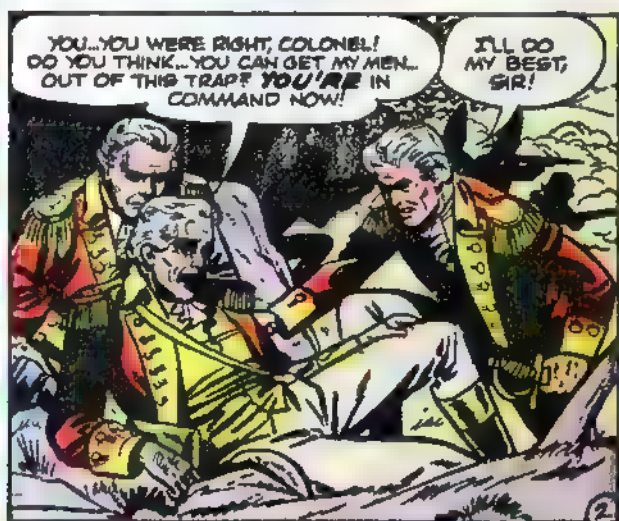
I HOPE NOT, COLONEL!

BUT THE COLONEL WAS RIGHT! THEY WALKED STRAIGHT INTO AN INDIAN AMBUSH...



STAND FAST, MEN OF ENGLAND! HOLD YOUR RANKS AND FIRE AT ORDER!

THE CLOSELY-PACKED SQUADRONS WERE PERFECT TARGETS FOR THE HIDING INDIANS WHO PICKED THE SOLDIERS OFF AT WILL! AND ONE OF THEIR FIRST VICTIMS WAS GENERAL BRADDOCK...



YOU... YOU WERE RIGHT, COLONEL! DO YOU THINK... YOU CAN GET MY MEN... OUT OF THIS TRAP YOU'RE IN COMMAND NOW!

I'LL DO MY BEST, SIR!

BREAK RANKS! SCATTER AND RETREAT! SHOOT BACK FROM BEHIND COVER! DON'T GIVE THE INDIANS A STANDING TARGET OR A BIG ONE! DO AS I SAY, AND WE MAY STILL GET OUT OF THIS TRAP!

FOR THE FIRST TIME THE ENGLISH FOUGHT IN A STRANGE AND DIFFERENT STYLE. BUT IT WORKED! THE COLONEL LED A BRILLIANT RETREAT FROM THE DISASTER...

WELL, WE'RE IN THE CLEAR!

THANKS TO YOU, COLONEL! YOUR METHODS ARE CRUDE, BUT EFFECTIVE! YOU'RE AS WARY AS A FOX!

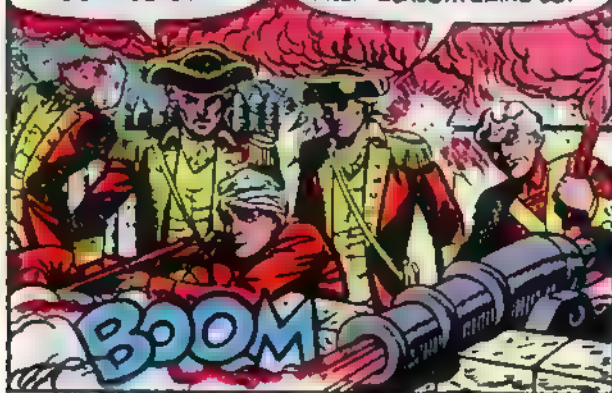


TWO LABELS WERE TAGGED ONTO THE COLONEL FROM THAT DAY ON! ONE WAS "CRUDE". THE OTHER WAS "FOX"! IN 1757, FORT WILLIAM HENRY, IN BRITISH HANDS, WAS ATTACKED BY THE FRENCH AND INDIANS UNDER MONTCALM...

BUT ONCE AGAIN THE COLONEL'S ADVICE WAS IGNORED! THE ENGLISH WERE GENTLEMEN AND CONSIDERED THEIR ENEMY AS SUCH! WHEN THE BRITISH TROOPS LAID DOWN THEIR ARMS AND MARCHED OUT, THE INDIANS ATTACKED THE HELPLESS MEN!

WE CAN'T HOLD OUT ANY LONGER! I'LL HAVE TO SURRENDER THE FORT AND OURSELVES!

IT'S BETTER TO DIE HERE, SIR! SURRENDER AND EVEN MONTCALM WON'T BE ABLE TO HOLD BACK THE INDIANS FROM SLAUGHTERING US!



GREAT SCOTT! THEY DON'T MEAN TO KILL US?

SLAUGHTER US IS THE PHRASE, SIR!



MANY OF THE BRITISH WERE KILLED BUT THE VALIANT MONTCALM RISKED HIS LIFE AND STOPPED THE SLAUGHTER!

IN THE CONFUSION, SOME OF THE ENGLISH ESCAPED! AMONG THEM WAS THE COLONEL...

STOP OR YOU WILL HAVE TO KILL ME, TOO!



WHEN WILL THEY LEARN?



THE ONLY WAY TO FIGHT A WAR IN AMERICA IS BY HIDING AND DRAWING THE ENEMY OUT... BY FORCING HIM TO FIGHT ON YOUR TERMS... BY SCATTERING AS THE TREES IN THE FORESTS ARE SCATTERED! FACING THE INDIANS IN OPEN BATTLE BRINGS ONLY DISASTER AND DEFEAT!



THE WAR WENT ON! THE BRITISH TIGHTENED THEIR HOLD ON NOVA SCOTIA AND OTHER STRONG POINTS, BUT WERE STILL HARRIED BY THE FRENCH AND THEIR INDIAN ALLIES..



BUT THERE WAS ONE OFFICER WHO KNEW HOW TO FIGHT THE ENEMY..

ONE MAN WHO FOUGHT FIRE WITH FIRE..



THE COLONEL WAS OF THE NATIVE SCHOOL OF FIGHTERS! HE AND HIS MEN KNEW WHAT THEY WERE DOING...AND TASTED VICTORY!

HE LED RAID AFTER RAID ON THE FRENCH! HE WASN'T ALWAYS SUCCESSFUL, BUT HE HARRIED AND WORRIED THEM...

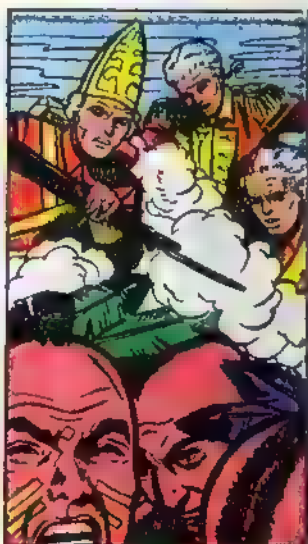


ONE GENERAL AFTER ANOTHER FAILED IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE SORT OF FIGHTING DONE BY THE WOODSMEN AND INDIANS WHO FOUGHT GUERRILLA WARFARE, TOTALLY UNLIKE THE SORT OF FIGHTING FOR WHICH THE BRITISH WERE TRAINED..

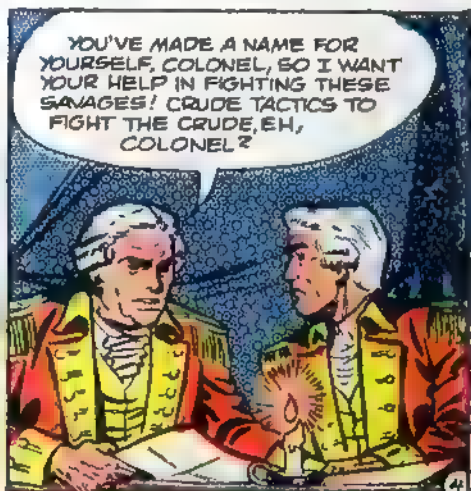


ONE MAN WHO WAS CRUDE.. BUT LIKE A FOX IN HIS SCHEMING...

AND SWIFT AND SURE IN HIS BLOWS!



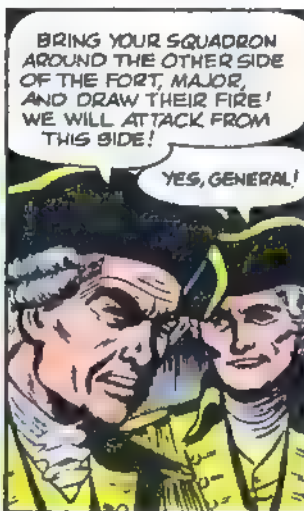
IN 1758, THE PACE OF THE WAR WAS STEPPED UP! GENERAL FORBES PREPARED TO MARCH AGAINST FORT DUQUESNE FOR THE BIG BLOW AT THE FRENCH! ON HIS STAFF WAS THE COLONEL...



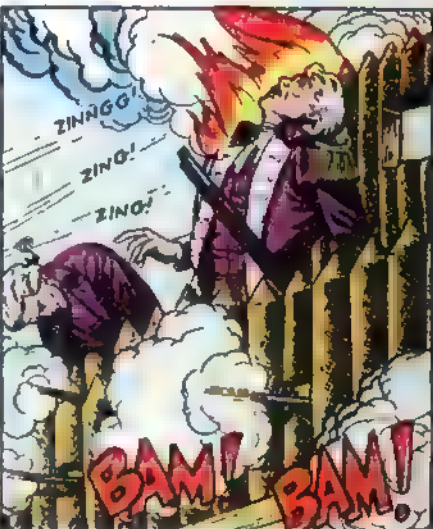
THE BRITISH MASSED THEIR TROOPS AND THE MARCH BEGAN! THEN...



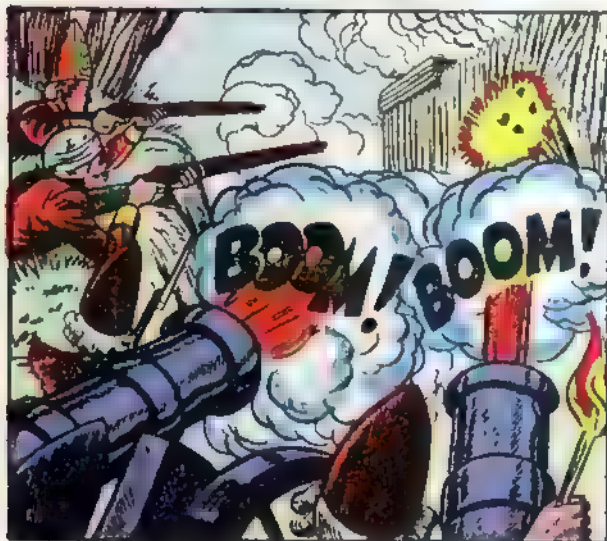
THE CANNY FORBES KNEW WHAT HE WAS DOING WHEN HE ASKED THE COLONEL FOR ADVICE! AND HE FOLLOWED IT...



THE MUSKETS OF THE HIDDEN SHARP-SHOOTERS BARKED AT THE DEFENDERS OF THE FORT...



AND HEAVY CANNON FIRE DAMAGED THE RAMPARTS WITHOUT LETUP...



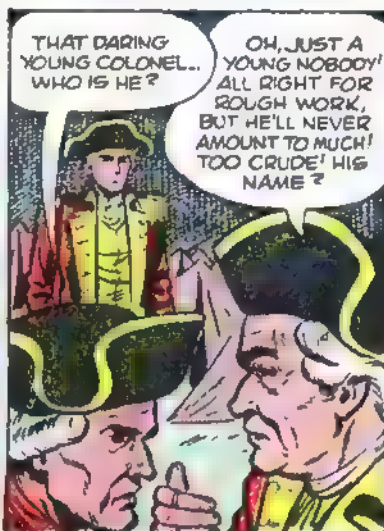
WITH TOTAL DEFEAT STARING THEM IN THE FACE, THE FRENCH ABANDONED THEIR POSITION AND RETREATED... WITH THE COLONEL AND HIS SHARPSHOOTERS AFTER THEM...



IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF FRENCH HOPES IN NORTH AMERICA! AHEAD OF THEM WAS NOTHING BUT DISASTER, AS THE DARING TACTICS OF THE YOUNG COLONEL OPENED UP NEW WAYS OF VICTORY!



AND AS THEY MARCHED ON TO NEW VICTORIES, A RECENTLY-ARRIVED AIDE ASKED GENERAL FORBES...



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sembled a small patrol. He looked them over, briefly but critically. "Okay, boys," he said tersely. "Grab your mops. We're moving."

They moved. Anderton led the way, but Houha was right at his shoulder, helping him out when he got his directions confused, making suggestions and whispering encouragement softly. After several minutes, Anderton gave a soft cry and darted ahead suddenly. Houha was right on his heels.

They knelt beside another Marine who was gritting his teeth to keep back the groans of pain. Houha examined his wound carefully, nodded cheerfully, and motioned one of his men up to take care of it and help the wounded man away from the scene of potential action.

Then he whispered further instructions. "All I really want you guys to do is back me up," he said. "This is a job for an experienced man. I've got to take the plunge. Let's go!"

They went. Houha raced ahead, a swift shadow low against the ground, scarcely visible in the darkness. The men saw him leap forward suddenly and bring his rifle into play. Gunfire split the night again. Houha stood alone, erect in the middle of the hail of bullets. The men behind him gasped at the apparently miraculous sight; the tough old sergeant seemed completely invulnerable.

His own shots were not having much effect, however. As his men closed in behind him, he

abandoned the weapon in favor of grenades. All secrecy had been lost by now, and the sergeant must surely have made a perfect target for the Reds' fire. But somehow he stayed on his feet and worked like a machine.

There was little the other men could do but pass him the grenades he needed. He fired them into the night with absolute certainty, heaving each on to almost exactly the same spot behind the small rise of ground ahead of them. And from that rise came screams and yells of



men in pain and fear

Finally, all these sounds ceased. The sergeant slowed in his grenade throwing, but did not stop completely for a long while. His arm motion slowed gradually, just like a machine that was winding down, but it remained regular and rhythmic. Smoke, flame, dirt, and metal flew from the other side of the hill with each explosion.

And at last, somehow, Houha seemed to know by a sixth sense that he could quit. He picked a couple of the men and led them

over the hill. They looked down into the enemy bunker, where nothing lived any longer.

"Mmmm," he frowned. "Not bad. Almost too good a job. It'll take a lot of cleaning out—but they had it fixed up pretty comfortable, and we might as well put it back in shape and move in. Come on—let's get going!"

They got. It turned out to be a night of work—hard, hot, heavy work. The men were sweating and aching before they were through. Houha never seemed to get tired—but at the same time he complained more loudly about the work than anyone else.

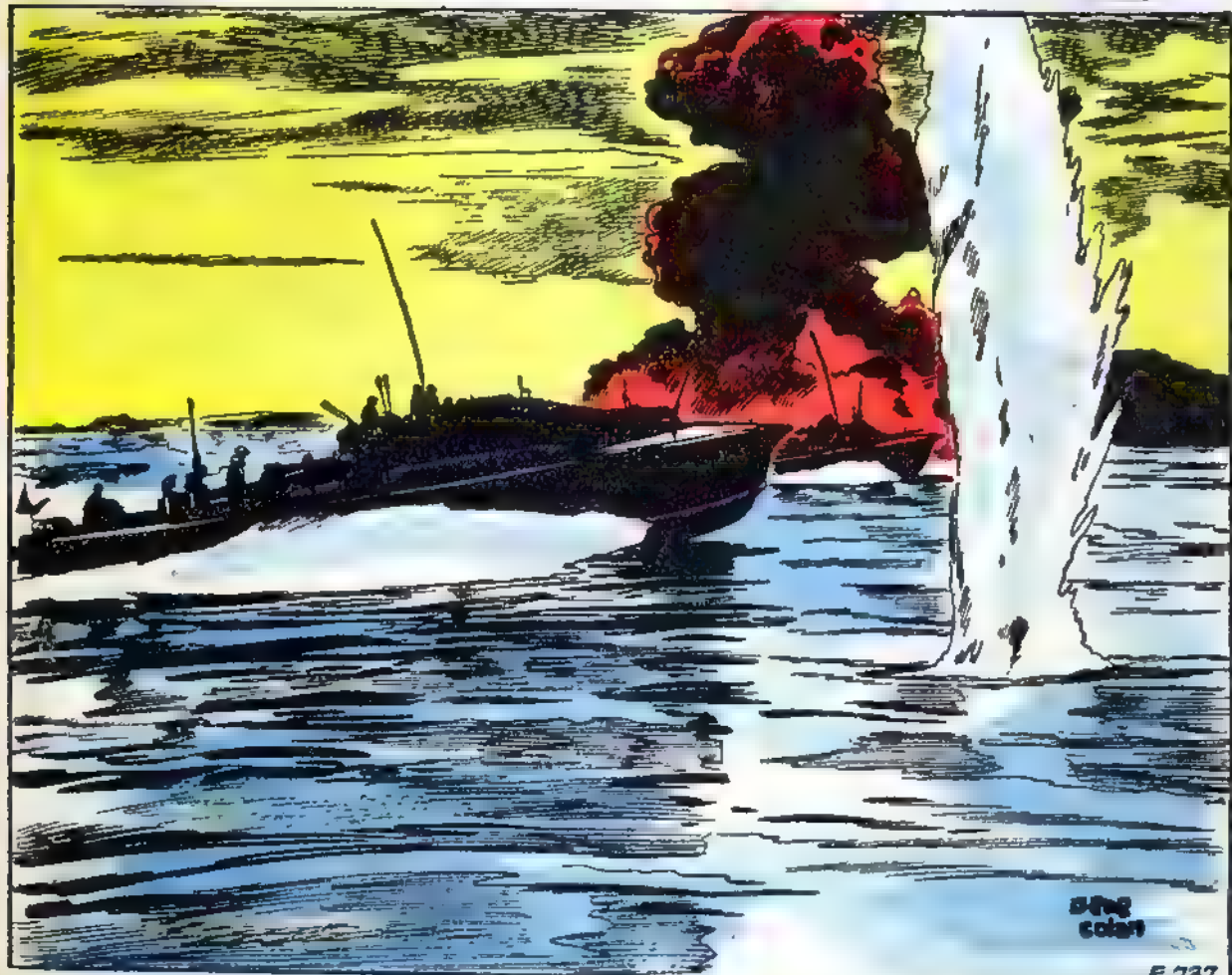
"The hard way!" he spat bitterly. "Always the hard way! With some of these midget amphibious tanks I keep talking about, we coulda plowed right in there with no danger and no effort and no trouble. We coulda finished the whole job in a coupla seconds without making all this mess. But could we do it that way? No!"

"I'm telling you, it's practical. Take the next step, after the LVT. They developed a more heavily armored assault vehicle called the LVT (A)1—Landing Vehicle Tracked, Armored. It carried only its own crew, of course—but it was a real rolling and swimming fortress. They started calling it the Water Buffalo. That came closer to what I've got in mind. Now listen..."

And the strange thing was, the men did listen. Listened with complete respect and admiration.

UP UNTIL APRIL 6TH, 1942, THE FIGHT BETWEEN DAVID AND GOLIATH SYMBOLIZED THE CLASSIC STRUGGLE OF RIGHT AGAINST MIGHT! BUT IN 1942 A NEW CLASSIC WAS BORN...THE INCREDIBLE HEROISM OF SIX TINY **PT** BOATS WHICH HELD THE JAP NAVY AT BAY AND BLAZED A SAGA OF COURAGE SYMBOLIZED BY TWO LETTERS...

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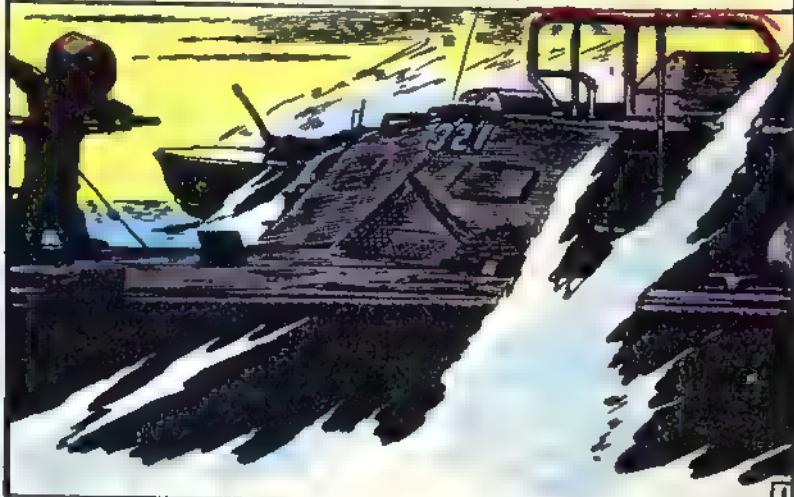


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THERE WERE SIX SKIMMING ACROSS THE WATER! EACH WAS A POWERHOUSE OF STRENGTH WRAPPED IN A 70-FOOT PLYWOOD HULL WITH A CREW OF 12...

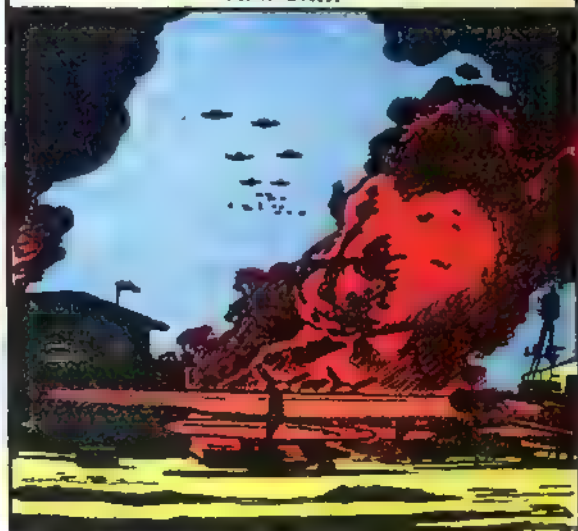
DEADLIER THAN A SPITTING COBRA, EACH CARRIED FOUR TORPEDO TUBES, FOUR .50 CAL. MACHINE GUNS AND WERE POWERED BY THREE MIGHTY PACKARD ENGINES WHICH COULD SEND THEM SKIMMING AT 50 KNOTS...



THE PHILIPPINES WERE BESIEGED! THE AIR AND SEA BELONGED TO THE JAPS! ON DECEMBER 10TH, 1941, THEY REPEATED PEARL HARBOR! CAVITE WAS A FLAMING PYRE...

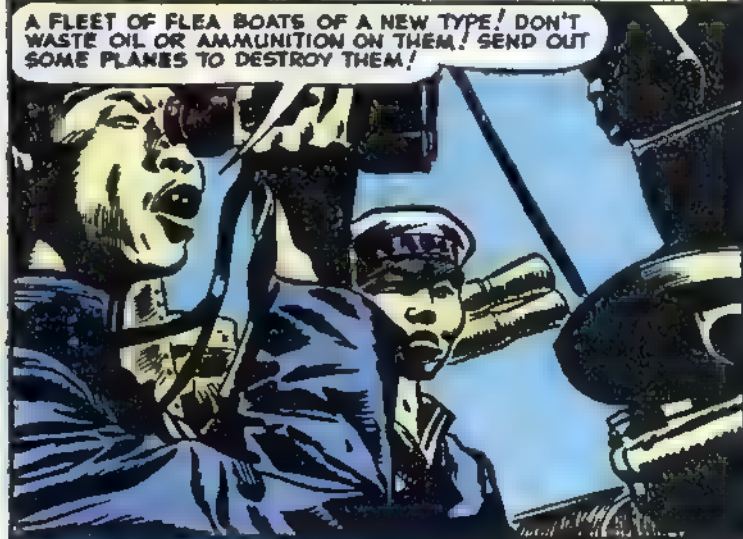


THE ONLY AMERICAN NAVAL BASE IN THE ORIENT BESIDES PEARL HARBOR, WAS DESTROYED IN THAT FIRST, OVERWHELMING ATTACK...



BUT, ON THE SILKY WATERS OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA, SIX NEWLY-ARRIVED BOATS OF PECULIAR DESIGN WERE SIGHTED BY THE JAPS...

A FLEET OF FLEA BOATS OF A NEW TYPE! DON'T WASTE OIL OR AMMUNITION ON THEM! SEND OUT SOME PLANES TO DESTROY THEM!



FIVE BORED JAP PILOTS LEFT A RETURNING JAP AIR ARMADA TO SNUFF OUT WHAT APPEARED TO BE THE PATHETIC REMNANTS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY...

TARGET BELOW... SIX WATER LICE! LET US DROP DOWN AND PRESENT THE MISERABLE BEINGS TO THE EMPEROR!

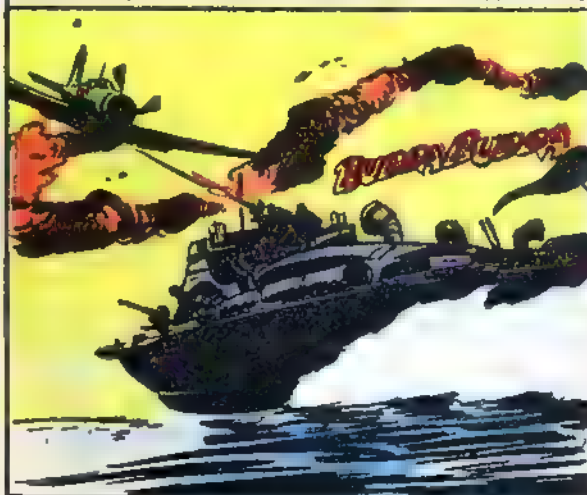


BUT THE SIX "WATER LICE," WAITING PATIENTLY FOR THE ATTACK, SUDDENLY ERUPTED INTO VIOLENT ACTION...

FULL SPEED... EVASIVE ACTION! DOUBLE BACK AND PASTE THEM!



THE SQUADRON SCATTERED, THROTTLES FULL, AS THEY STUNG THEIR ATTACKERS LIKE SCORPIONS!



THE LEAD JAP HEARD THE DIVINE WIND ROARING ABOUT HIS EARS! ALL WAS SPLINTERED STEEL AND DEATH!



IN SHORT ORDER, THREE OF THE EMPEROR'S PILOTS PLUNGED SEAWARD TO THEIR DEATHS! THE PT BOATS HAD DRAWN FIRST BLOOD, AND VICTORY TASTED SWEET...



A FEW NIGHTS LATER, TWO PT'S SNEAKED INTO SUBIC BAY, NEAR PORT BINANGA, THEIR ENGINES BARELY IDLING! JAP BATTERIES INFESTED THE SHORES! TWO JAP CRUISERS PATROLLED THE BAY...



IT'S DARKER THAN PITCH! CAN YOU MAKE ANYTHING OUT?

NOT A THING! WAIT...THERE GOES A JAP BLINKER ON SHORE! THEY'RE ASKING US WHO WE ARE!

THE PT DIDN'T ANSWER THE CHALLENGE! THE JAPS GREW NERVOUS! SUDDENLY, SEARCH-LIGHTS FINGERED THE DARKNESS NERVOUSLY...



THEY'RE PROBING FOR US! MAYBE THEIR LIGHTS WILL HELP US FIND THOSE CRUISERS... IF THEY DON'T FIND US FIRST!

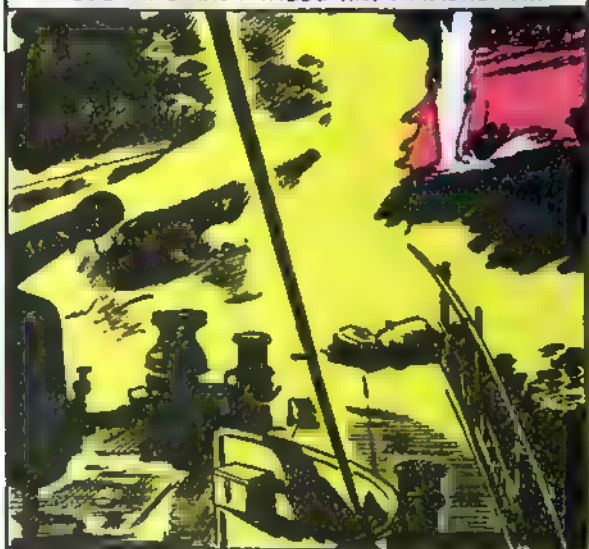
THEY'RE OPENING UP ON US, SIR... FIRING BLIND!

SUDDENLY, THE SILHOUETTES OF TWO GREAT CRUISERS STOOD OUT AGAINST THE MUZZLE-BLASTS OF THE JAP SHORE BATTERIES...

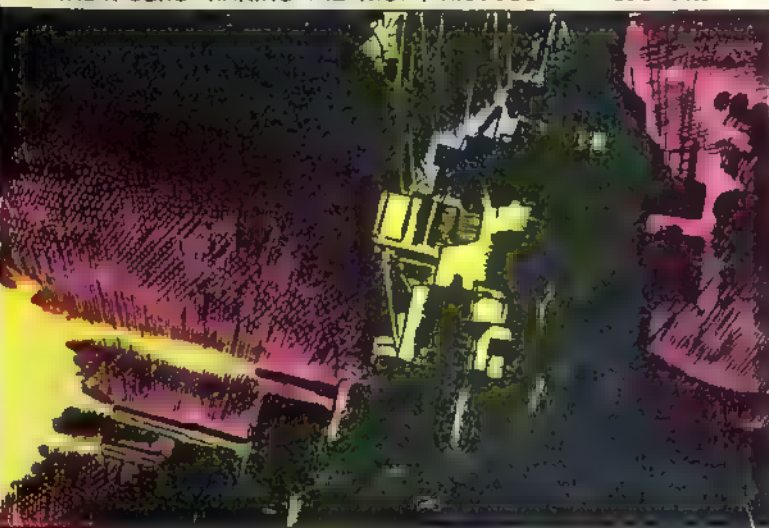


THERE THEY ARE! LET'S SNEAK IN AND HIT THEM!

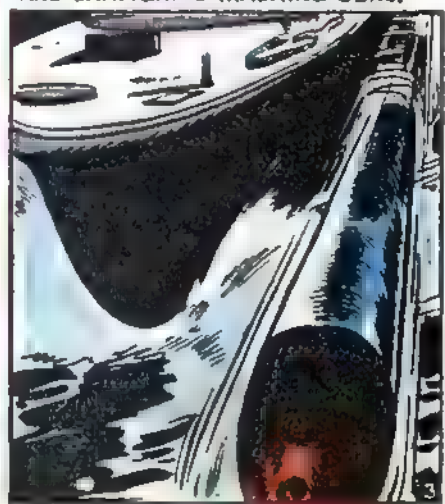
THE RUN BEGAN, BUT THE CRUISERS CAME TO LIFE, READY TO DEFEND THEIR PRECIOUS BULKS AGAINST THESE TINY ATTACKERS...



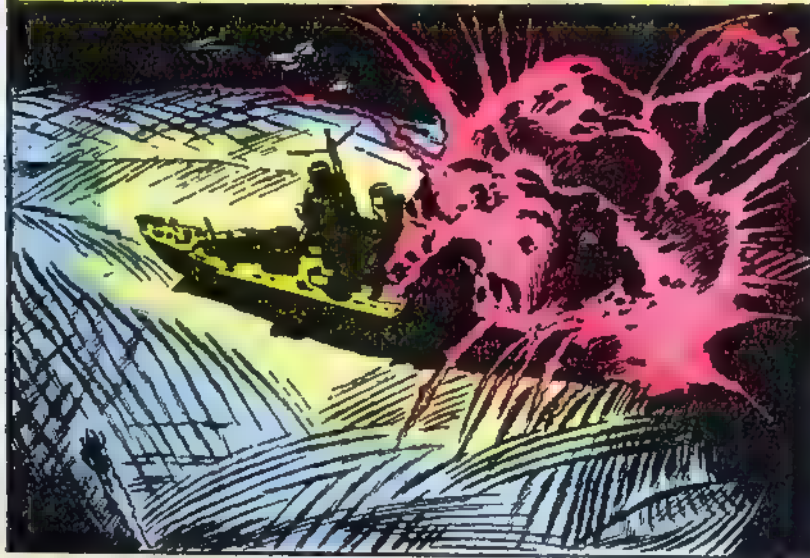
FIGHTING FOR THEIR LIVES, THE CRUISERS SPED TO THE ATTACK, THEIR GUNS MAKING THE NIGHT HIDEOUS WITH SOUND...



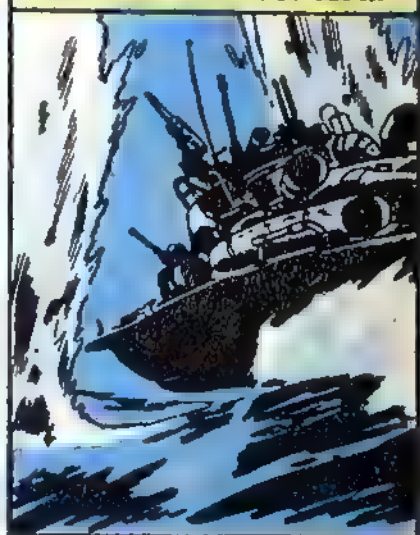
MULTIPLE DEATH SHOT OUT FROM THE PT BOATS' TORPEDO TUBES AND CHATTERING MACHINE GUNS!



THE NIGHT ERUPTED AS THE TORPEDOES STRUCK HOME! FIRST ONE, THEN TWO, THEN THREE... THE WATER SHIMMERED, BOILED, SEETHED AND FLAMES SHOT SKYWARD...



THE JAP SHORE BATTERIES WENT WILD IN THEIR EFFORT TO SMASH THE SKITTERING BOATS WHICH THEIR EYES COULD NOT SEE...



FROM A COVE NEAR POINT ILIEN, A JAP DESTROYER SPED OUT TO OVERTAKE THE KILLERS, ITS GREAT SEARCHLIGHTS PROBING THE WATERS...



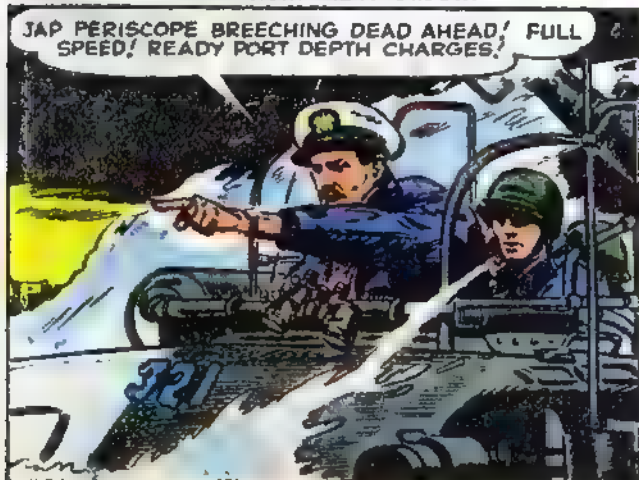
BUT, ON THE PT BOATS, MACHINE GUNS WERE ALREADY SWUNG ABOUT TO SMASH THE PROBING EYES OF THE PURSUER...



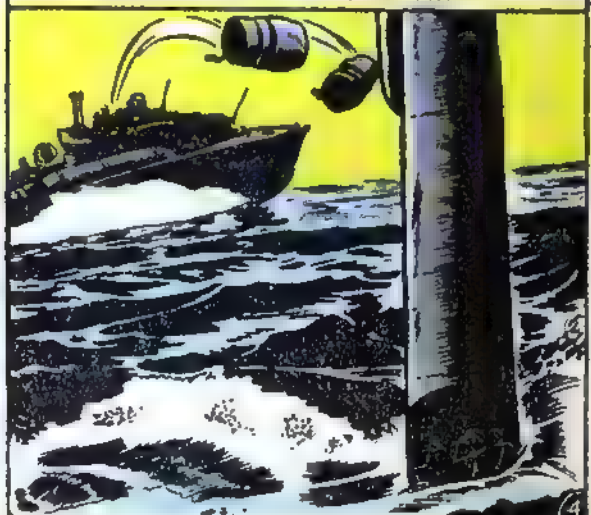
GLASS CRASHED, AS THE .50 CALIBER SLUGS STRUCK HOME...



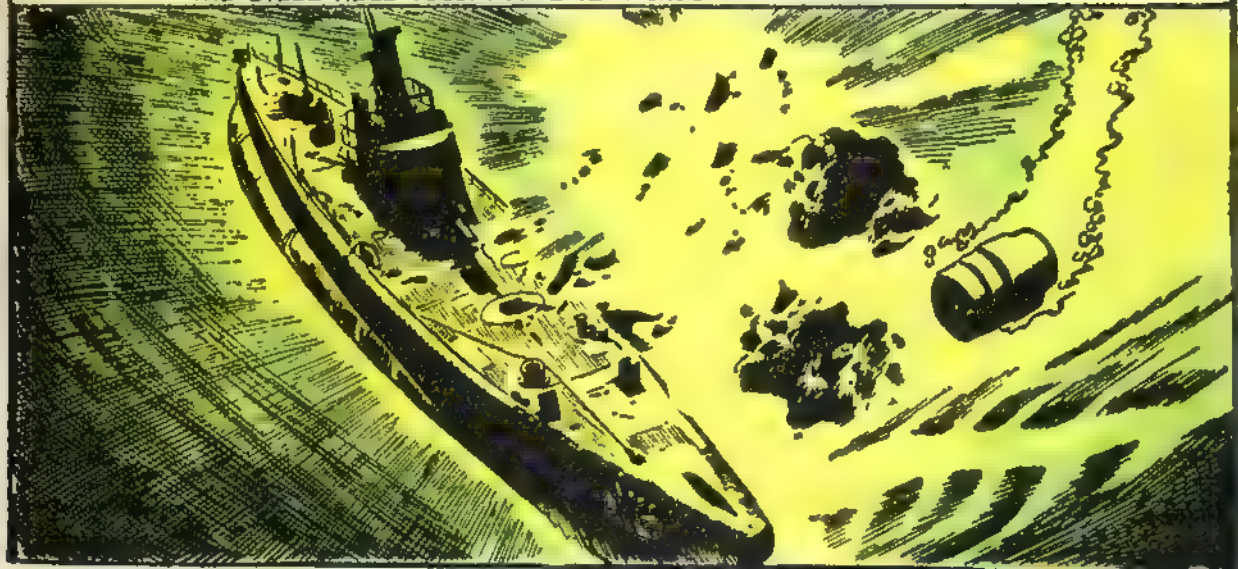
BY DAY AND BY NIGHT, THE PT'S WENT OUT TO HARASS THE JAPS! NOTHING ESCAPED THEIR DEADLY ARMAMENT! NO FLOATING CRAFT WAS SAFE FROM THEIR RAIDS...



TWO CANS FLIPPED SEAWARD AS THE PT ROARED BY AT 50 KNOTS...



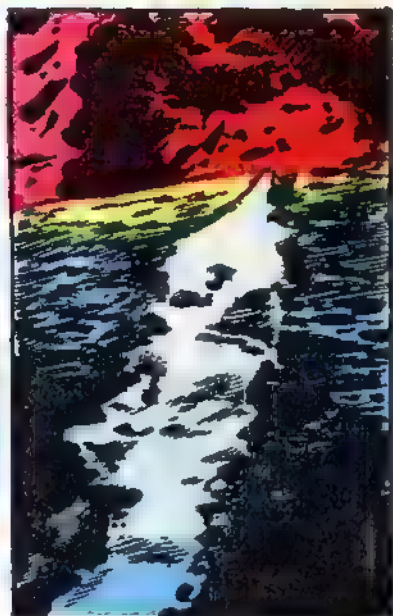
THE "CANS" DETONATED WITH SICKENING THUDS AND, INSIDE THE SUB, HORRIFIED EYES WATCHED THE STEEL HULL COLLAPSE LIKE A CRUSHED EGGSHELL...



MEANWHILE, IN A COVE NOT FAR AWAY, A JAP LANDING BARGE CHUGGED TOWARD SHORE UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYES OF A COVERING DESTROYER...

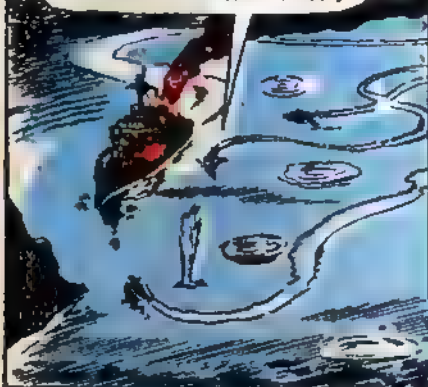


SUDDENLY, LIKE GREYHOUNDS UNLEASHED AGAINST GAME, THREE PT'S ROCKETED OUT OF AN INLET IN BATTLE ARRAY, TWO HEADING FOR THE DESTROYER, THE THIRD GUNNING FOR THE JAP-PACKED BARGE...



LIKE A WHALE ATTACKED BY BARRACUDAS, THE DESTROYER FOUGHT FOR ITS LIFE, HARASSED AT EVERY TURN BY THE DARTING, DEADLY PT'S...

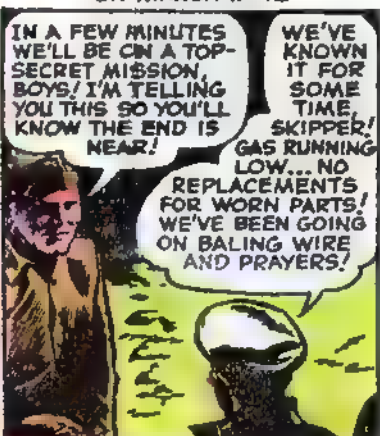
LAUNCH THE PORT TORPEDOES! CATCH HER BEFORE SHE LEAVES THE COVE!



A FEW HUNDRED YARDS FROM THE SEA AND SAFETY, THE TORPEDOES MADE CONTACT AND THE JAP SHIP SHUDDERED...



THE WEEKS DRAGGED ON! AGAINST IMPOSSIBLE ODDS, THE LITTLE FLEET OF PT'S SLOWLY DWINDLED FROM SIX TO FOUR TO THREE... AND THEN, ON MARCH 11TH...



IN A FEW MINUTES WE'LL BE ON A TOP-SECRET MISSION, BOYS! I'M TELLING YOU THIS SO YOU'LL KNOW THE END IS NEAR!

WE'VE KNOWN IT FOR SOME TIME, SKIPPER!

GAS RUNNING LOW... NO REPLACEMENTS FOR WORN PARTS! WE'VE BEEN GOING ON BALING WIRE AND PRAYERS!

AND AS THE SUN DIPPED BEHIND THE HILLS, THE GREAT MEN WHOM FATE AND FORTUNE HAD DECREED MUST ESCAPE CAPTURE TO LEAD THE FIGHT ANEW, BOARDED THE PT'S...



MINUTES LATER, WITH THE SAFETY OF THEIR PRECIOUS PASSENGERS FOREMOST IN MIND, THE PT'S ROARED TO SEA VIA A PRECONCEIVED ROUTE BENEATH THE NOSES OF THE JAP NAVY...



THAT HISTORIC ESCAPE IS RECORDED FOR POSTERITY! EVERY SECOND WAS FRAUGHT WITH DANGER AS THE PT'S DODGED, TWISTED AND SQUIRMED THROUGH THE JAP BLOCKADE...



WE'LL HIT MINDANAO BY LATE EVENING, SIR!

I'M RECOMMENDING EVERY OFFICER AND MAN IN YOUR SQUADRON FOR THE SILVER STAR FOR GALLANTRY!

TERRIBLY AWARE OF THE HISTORIC BURDEN HE WAS TO SHOULDER, A GRATEFUL MACARTHUR PAID ONE LAST TRIBUTE TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE PT'S...



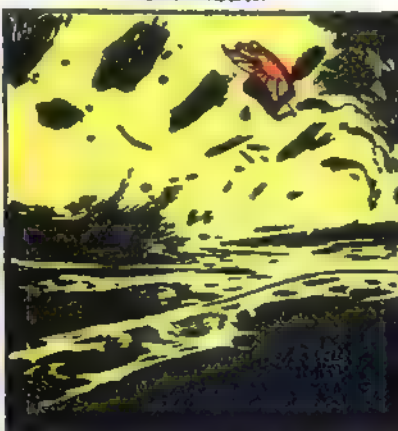
IF YOUR BOATS NEVER ACCOMPLISHED ANYTHING MORE AND WERE BURNED RIGHT NOW, THEY'D HAVE EARNED THEIR KEEP A THOUSAND TIMES OVER!

THANK YOU, SIR!

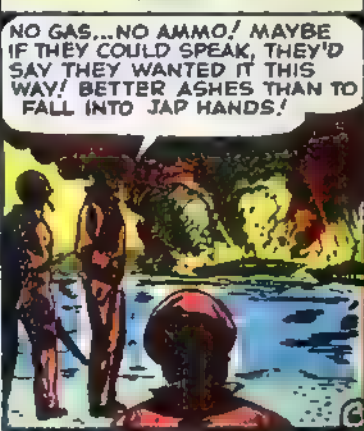
THE PT'S TURNED BACK TO THE ISLANDS AND THE WAR! THEY WERE EXPENDABLE, AND AS LONG AS FUEL AND TORPEDOES WERE AVAILABLE, THEY WOULD FIGHT THE ENEMY!



BATAAN HAD FALLEN! CORREGIDOR WAS ABOUT TO FALL, AND TWO REMAINING PT'S SHOT THEIR LAST TORPEDOES INTO THE JAP FLEET IN A GESTURE OF GLORIOUS DEFIANCE...



AN EPIC SAGA IN AMERICAN HISTORY WAS ENDED! THE LAST TWO REMAINING PT BOATS WERE DELIBERATELY STRANDED ON A CORAL REEF, AND SET AFIRE...



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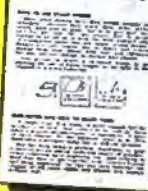
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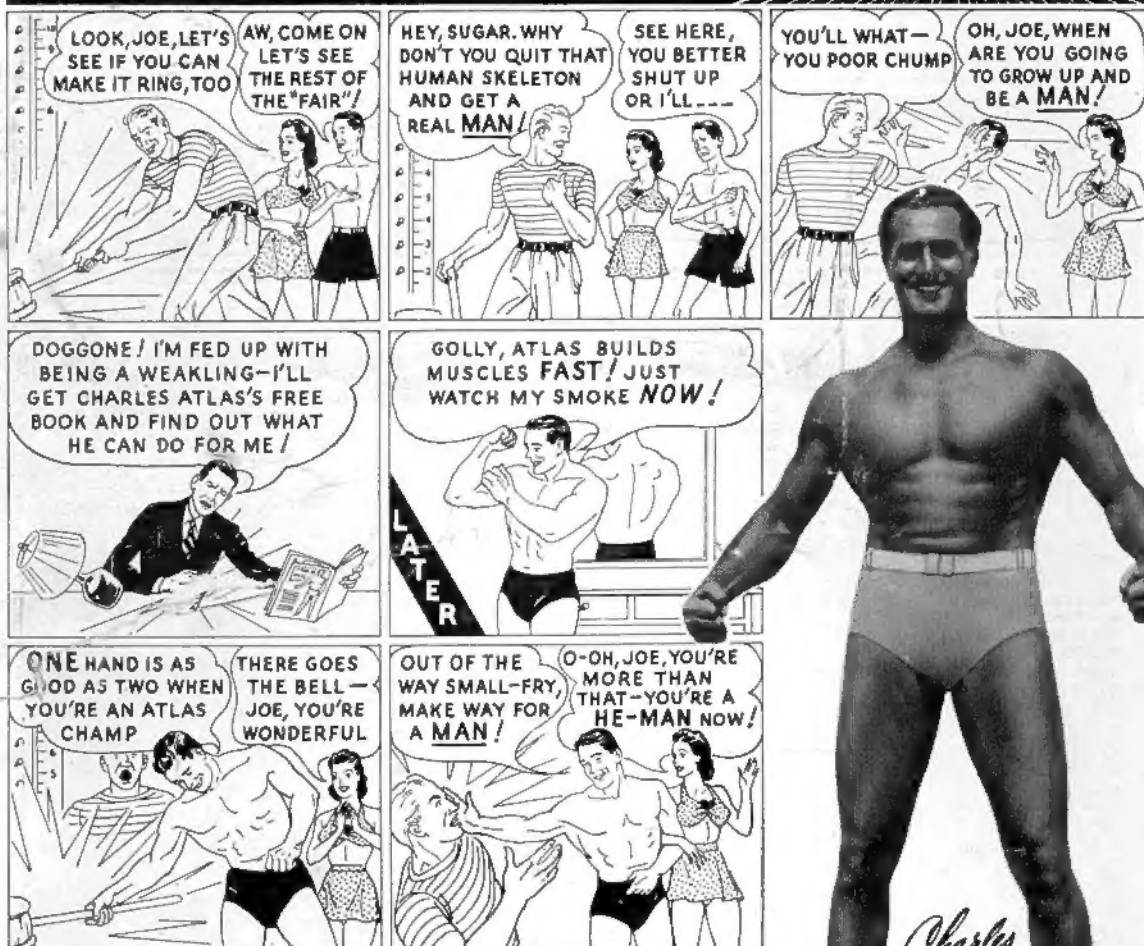
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Most people are fat because of overeating—too much high calorie fattening foods—in your amazement you will want to keep on eating this delicious candy even after you have reduced to the weight that most becomes you and you'll keep your weight off that way!

AMAZING DISCOVERY OF SCIENCE!

The Kelpidine Candy plan is the result of scientific research for years for a new discovery for something that will stop your craving for fattening food and also satisfy your appetite. This delicious candy does not turn into ugly fat, it gives you the same feeling of fullness you have after you have eaten a satisfying meal. It kills your desire to overeat—it kills your craving for bedtime snacks and for in-between meal snacks. It's so safe even a child

IT'S UNHEALTHY TO BE FAT!

Insurance companies and doctors tell everyone that too much fat shortens your life! Fat people die years sooner than people with normal weight. So be safe! Be fast to yourself! Start taking off ugly fat with delicious tasting Kelpidine Candy plan!

can take it without bad effects. With Kelpidine Candy all you taste is its deliciousness—you can't tell the difference!

KELPIDINE CANDY IS DIFFERENT!

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MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

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THIS CAN HAPPEN TO YOU! WITH THIS DELICIOUS REDUCING CANDY PLAN!

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